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TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 1, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected beginning on **Page 2**.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claim beginning on **Page 3**.

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